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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/074,676	Applicant(s) PAULUS ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 18 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-17, 19-28 and 30-44 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 June 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed on 12/2/2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Drawings

2. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the informal drawings are not of sufficient quality to permit examination. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1, 18, and 29** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hessel et al. (US Patent number 6,389,078).

Regarding **claim 1**, Hessel discloses that a radio-frequency (RF) receiver circuitry (125 in Fig. 5) (Fig. 5 and column 9, lines 34 – 65). Hessel teaches that down-converter circuitry (128 in Fig. 5) configured to accept a received radio-frequency signal (Fig. 5 and column 9, lines 34 – 65, where teaches a down converter circuitry for converting the received radio frequency signal). Hessel teaches that the down-converter circuitry (128 in Fig. 5) further configured to process the received radio-frequency signal to provide an in-phase down-converted signal and a quadrature down-converted signal (Fig. 5, 14 and column 9, lines 34 – column 10, lines 67, where teaches the down converter circuitry processes the received radio signal to configure providing signal waveform such as I and Q phase and phase and magnitude and complex modulation (quadrature IF down conversion) signal). Hessel teaches that analog-to-digital converter (ADC) (129 in Fig. 5) circuitry configured to receive the in-phase and quadrature down-converted signals and to provide an in-phase digital output signal and a quadrature digital output signal (Fig. 5, 8, column 5, lines 34 – 65, and column 10, lines 46 – column 11, lines 40, where teaches the

analog-to-digital converter received IF signals (signal waveform such as I and Q phase and phase and magnitude and complex modulation (quadrature IF down conversion) signal) and providing the signals to digital IF subsystem). Hessel teaches that DC offset reduction circuitry (164 (including a frequency offset and phase shift control circuit and a numerical controlled oscillator) in Fig. 8) coupled to the analog-to-digital converter circuitry (Fig. 5, 8 and column 11, lines 21- 40). Hessel teaches that the DC offset reduction circuitry (164 (including a frequency offset and phase shift control circuit and a numerical controlled oscillator) in Fig. 8) tends to reduce a DC offset transmitted to the in-phase and quadrature digital output signals (column 43, lines 2 – 26, Fig. 56A, 58A, 28, and column 21, lines 15 – column 22, lines 31, where teaches for transmitting amplitude modulated analog signals (waveforms (I and Q (quadrature digital signal) and Phase)) are converted to digital signals by a/d converter and applied the high pass filters the signals to remove any DC offset).

Regarding **claim 18**, Hessel discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Hessel further discloses that receiver digital circuitry included within a second integrated circuit (150 in Fig. 8), the receiver digital circuitry to receive and process the digital output signal to generate a processed digital signal (Fig. 8 and column 11, lines 1 – 40, where teaches the configured receiver demodulator and signal processing circuit includes a multi bit digital signal path consisting of an analog to digital converter interface quadrature signal processing circuits).

Regarding **claim 29**, Hessel discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Hessel further discloses that feeding back to an input of the analog-to-

digital converter circuitry a feedback signal that relates to the digital output signal (Fig. 8, 24, column 11, lines 21 – 41, and column 17, lines 24 – column 18, lines 11, where teaches the analog-to-digital converter sends the multi bit digital signal to input to the analog digital converter interface for feeding and relating the digital output signal). Hessel teaches that the feeding back the feedback signal to an input of the analog-to-digital converter tends to reduce a DC offset of the receiver analog circuitry (column 43, lines 2 – 26, Fig. 56A, 58A, 28, and column 21, lines 15 – column 22, lines 31, where teaches for transmitting amplitude modulated analog signals (waveforms (I and Q (quadrature digital signal) and Phase)) are converted to digital signals by a/d converter and applied the high pass filters the signals to remove any DC offset).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3-17, 19-28, and 30-44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record fails to disclose “the input of analog to digital converter circuitry comprises combiner circuitry configured to provide a difference signal to the analog to digital circuitry, where the combiner circuitry subtracts an output signal of the DC offset reduction circuitry from the down converted signal to produce the difference signal” as specified in the claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Phillips et al. (US Patent number 5,712,628) discloses Digitally Programmable Radio Modules for Transponder System.

Luz et al. (US Patent number 6,321,073) discloses Radio Telephone Receiver and Method with Improved Dynamic Range and DC Offset Correction.

Huang (US Patent number 6,324,231) discloses DC Offset Cancellation Apparatus and Method for Digital Demodulation.

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